
FOREIGN ADOPTION

ST. CROIX COUNTY
PROBATE OFFICE
1101 Carmichael Rd
Hudson WI 54016

Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Phone: 715-386-4619 or 715-381-4930

NOTE: This guideline is provided only as a public service and is not meant to be legal advice. The Register in Probate office cannot give legal advice or complete the forms for you; please contact an attorney if you have legal questions.

Please read the following carefully to determine which proceeding fits your situation:

Adoption of a child born in a foreign jurisdiction

- The Wisconsin court approves, at a hearing, the adoption of a child who was born in a foreign jurisdiction.
- The child was not a citizen of the United States at the time of birth.
- The child is brought into this state for the purpose of adoption by a resident of the state.

OR

Registration of a foreign adoption

- The Wisconsin court acknowledges the adoption of a child who was born in a foreign jurisdiction and who was not a citizen of the United States at the time of birth.
- The adoption was finalized under the laws of the jurisdiction from which the child was adopted.
- The child was admitted to the United States with a proper visa issued by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services. See #2 on Form JC-1650 referenced below.
- Court hearing not required.

ADOPTION OF A CHILD BORN IN A FOREIGN JURISDICTION

FILE THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ JC-1645 Petition for Minor Child Adoption
- ☐ JC-1646 Consent to Adoption
- ☐ JC-1641 Order for Hearing and Investigation (Adoptive Placement/Adoption).
Complete top portion. Hearing date information will be completed by probate staff.
- ☐ JC-1647 (proposed) Order on Petition for Minor Child Adoption
- ☐ Original Report of Adoption (Vital Records form)

- A copy of the Order for Hearing and Investigation will be provided to the petitioner.
- Submit the report from the adoption agency and copies of all documents from the foreign jurisdiction.

POST HEARING:

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REGISTRATION OF A FOREIGN ADOPTION

FILE THE FOLLOWING:

- ☐ JC-1650 Petition for an Order for Registration of a Foreign Adoption Order
- ☐ Letter from the adoptive parent(s) containing:
 - ✓ Evidence as to the date, place of birth, and parentage of the child;
 - ✓ A certified or notarized copy of the final order of adoption entered by a court of the foreign jurisdiction and, if that final order is not in English, a certified translation or notarized copy of a certified translation of that final order; and
 - ✓ Any other information necessary for the vital records office to prepare a certification of birth data for the child.
- ☐ JC-1651 (proposed) Order Registering a Foreign Adoption Order
- ☐ Original Report of Adoption (Vital Records form)

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FORMS: additional/duplicate state mandated forms (listed above as “alpha – number”) can be found at: www.wicourts.gov